Fort Wayne 1860-1961

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PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY OF

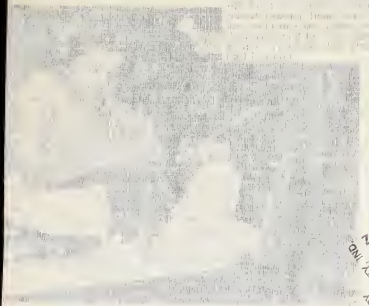
FORT WAYNE,

ALLEN COUNTY 1880 INDIANA

IN 1880, THE POPULATION of Fort Wayne was 26,880. (It is now 161,776.) The owners of the canal had tried to sell the canal to the city as a source of drinking water. But they lost, and in 1880, the ground was broken for the reservoir. It cost $20,000 to build. In 1879, Fort Wayne got its first telephone exchange. Mrs. Lumbard and Nellie Angell sang solos heard by the subscribers. But in spite of this, the company folded. The first electric light was installed in the Home Billiard Hall in 1881, the same year the General Electric Company had its beginning. That year an epidemic of small pox took 300 lives, and the Clinton St. bridge collapsed over the St. Mary's River, killing Henry C. Hanna. In 1883, some 250 people saw Samuel McDonald hanged in the jail yard for the murder of Louis Lorent, of Arcola.

Identification of the numbered buildings in this drawing is available at the Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Museum.

Toys At The Museum



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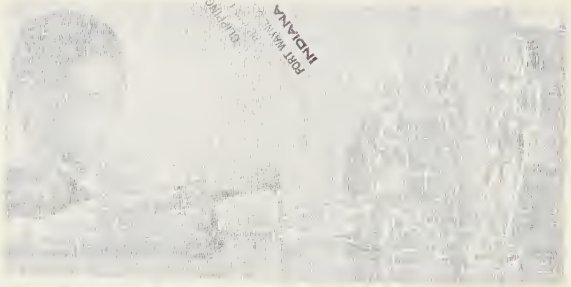

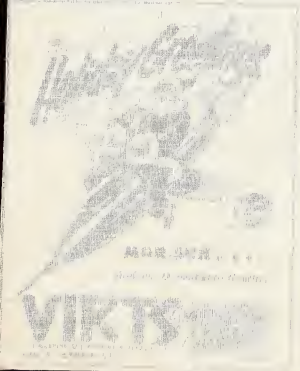

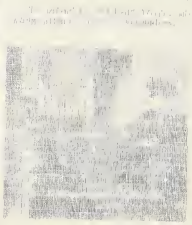

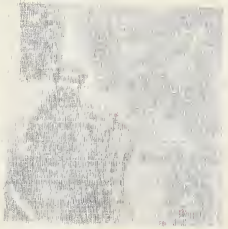
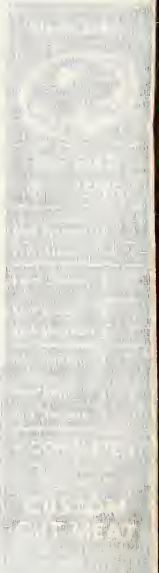
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